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## YOUR FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

Dear Foundation Members,

Especially over the past few months, many of you have enquired as to why the Save Sight and Health Care Foundation has been so quiet.

Well, we are here to tell you that very soon we hope to share with you some very exciting news.

Just with other Foundations, changes in the law and regulatory framework, have affected the Foundation very significantly. These and Covid have had a devastating effect on our operations.

Last year also we lost our long-term Chairman, PDG Phil Bower in a motor vehicle accident. Phil was renowned for his dedication to the Foundation and his loss was a bitter blow

However, all these disasters have prompted a total review of the Foundation's objects, its partnership with its Member Clubs in NSW and the ACT and the services it provides to those Clubs.

The most significant change that is planned is the extension of the range of Grants for Community Service Projects that will become available to Clubs. These must still be for sight and health purposes but the parameters of the grants have been widened dramatically.

The purpose of this memo is just to confirm to you that the directors and officers of the Foundation are working very hard to complete the restructure but unfortunately due to the complexity of the legal process this is taking longer than they had hoped.

Nonetheless, in anticipation of the restructure process being completed, we are asking Clubs to consider their candidate for the Lions Community Challenge Sight & Health Quest which we hope to re-institute within the next few months.

Co-incidentally, next year also will mark the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Foundation** and we hope that you will participate in the events that we are planning during that time.

This is the first in a series of newsletters in which we will keep Clubs informed of progress with the restructure and also provide details of the expanded grant opportunities and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

In the meantime, we take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to the huge number of Clubs that have partnered with the Foundation to support our community over the past 50 years.

Yours in Lionism,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jean-Claude Legrand'.

Jean-Claude Legrand,  
Chairman